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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, December 19, 2022, at 3 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2022

The House met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. EVANS).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
December 16, 2022.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DWIGHT EVANS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Holy One, our Redeemer, God of the whole Earth, have compassion on us. Grant that those who are barren in mind, body, and spirit, would find reason this season to rejoice in the bounty of Your favor. May those who are desolate of purpose, meaning, or hope burst into shouts of joy at the revealing of Your grace.

Lord, You are our dwelling place. Enlarge the doors of Your kingdom. Open wide the arms of Your tender loving care. Take into Your keeping all who are desperate and in need, those who are ashamed and disgraced, those who are afraid and dismayed, that they would be restored into the embrace of Your everlasting arms.

For You have called us, the forsaken and the aggrieved, the cast-off and the

abandoned, that we would all find solace in Your compassion.

Establish us in Your righteousness and deliver us from terror. Erase our fear and cause us to stand ever-firm on the foundation of Your steadfast love.

In Your kind and merciful name we pray.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1 of rule I, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, December 16, 2022.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on December 16, 2022, at 8:20 a.m.

That the Senate agrees to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill H.R. 1437.

That the Senate agrees to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill H.R. 7776.

That the Senate agreed to without amendment H. Con. Res. 121.

That the Senate agreed to without amendment H. Con. Res. 123.

With best wishes, I am,
Sincerely,

KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,
Deputy Clerk.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Kevin F. McCumber, Deputy Clerk of the House, reported and found truly an enrolled bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker pro tempore, Mr. McGovern, on Friday, December 16, 2022:

H.R. 1437. An act making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2023, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 1 of House Resolution

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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1230, the House stands adjourned until noon, Tuesday, December 20, 2022.

Thereupon (at 9 o'clock and 33 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, December 20, 2022, at noon.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. PALLONE: Committee on Energy and Commerce. House Resolution 1476. Resolution of inquiry requesting the president to provide to the House of Representatives certain documents or records relating to coordination between social media companies and the Biden administration on information, censorship, and censorship meetings in order to suppress or deplatform persons or information and administration views as misinformation, disinformation, and malinformation on COVID-19, Hunter Biden, and elections, and certain documents or records relating to plans to provide grant funding to consortiums, including the Democratic National Committee, in the United States, adversely (Rept. 117-648). Referred to the House Calendar.

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII, the Committee on Ways and Means discharged from further consideration. H.R. 604 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII, the Committee on Energy and Commerce discharged from further consideration. H.R. 4374 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. JACOBS of New York:

H.R. 9607. A bill to prohibit States, local governments, or State regulatory authorities from prohibiting a natural gas consumer from connecting or reconnecting to a gas utility for natural gas service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. JACOBS of New York (for himself and Mrs. PELTOLA):

H.R. 9608. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to make certain activities for the removal of plastic waste and post-consumer materials from wastewater eligible for assistance under the State water pollution control revolving funds, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York (for herself and Ms. PRESSLEY):

H.R. 9609. A bill to amend section 1124 of title 31, United States Code, to establish an Agency Equity Advisory Team, to amend

sections 3520 and 3520A of title 44, United States Code, to ensure the use of equity, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York (for herself and Ms. PRESSLEY):

H.R. 9610. A bill to amend section 306 of title 5, United States Code, and sections 1115 and 1120 of title 31, United States Code, to improve the equitable provision of services to underserved communities and individuals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia:

H.R. 9611. A bill to delay the implementation of the modifications of exceptions for reporting of third party network transactions; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. MOORE of Utah (for himself and Mr. SMUCKER):

H.R. 9612. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Treasury to report to Congress regarding audit rates of taxpayers claiming the adoption tax credit and regarding the audit practices for refundable and nonrefundable personal tax credits; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. SPANBERGER (for herself and Mr. MOORE of Utah):

H.R. 9613. A bill to change the treatment of certain Federal programs with respect to susceptibility to significant improper payments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Ms. TLAIB (for herself, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, and Ms. NEWMAN):

H. Res. 1528. A resolution recognizing the duty of the Federal Government to protect the rights of restaurant workers; to the Committee on Education and Labor, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, the Judiciary, Financial Services, Energy and Commerce, Agriculture, Oversight and Reform, Armed Services, Veterans' Affairs, Natural Resources, Foreign Affairs, and House Administration, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. JACOBS of New York:

H.R. 9607.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

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H.R. 9611.

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Article 1, Section 8.

By Mr. MOORE of Utah:

H.R. 9612.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18 of the U.S. Constitution:

The Congress shall have Power to make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18 of the U.S. Constitution:

The Congress shall have Power to lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States; but all Duties, Imposts and Excises shall be uniform throughout the United States.

By Ms. SPANBERGER:

H.R. 9613.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

U.S. Constitution, Article 1, Section 8

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions, as follows:

H.R. 2252: Mr. PALMER.

H.R. 3402: Ms. LEE of California and Mr. LANGEVIN.

H.R. 3772: Ms. BONAMICI.

H.R. 4146: Mr. GOMEZ and Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois.

H.R. 6251: Mr. DESAULNIER and Mr. KHANNA.

H.R. 7993: Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia.

H.R. 9449: Mr. ROSE, Mr. MOONEY, and Mr. KILMER.

H.R. 9555: Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER.

H.R. 9581: Mr. PALAZZO.

DISCHARGE PETITIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XV, the following discharge petition was filed:

Petition 18, December 15, 2022, by Mr. MOONEY on the bill (H.R. 69), was signed by the following Members: Mr. Mooney, Mr. Calvert, Mrs. Steel, Mr. Owens, Mr. Gimenez, Mr. Katko, Mr. Meuser, Mr. Posey, Mr. LaMalfa.

DISCHARGE PETITIONS—ADDITIONS AND WITHDRAWALS

The following Member added his name to the following discharge petition:

Petition 12 by Mr. GOSAR on House Joint Resolution 46: Mr. Guest.